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## Local and General.

Miss Ferda Puffer is down from Edmonton to spend her summer holidays.

Stafford Boyd came down from Vegreville yesterday for a visit with relatives.

Aunger & Shute, dental parlors, upstairs over Morris & Taylor's hardware store.

Miss Wilson, formerly a teacher in Blindman Valley schools, is visiting friends in Lacombe.

A. M. Erskine and family, of Hardisty, came in Tuesday to spend a few weeks at Gull Lake.

The Misses Russel, of Pembroke, Ontario, are here for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Skinner.

The special committee appointed by the town council to investigate the Sanitarium proposition visited Edmonton Friday last in that connection.

The town of Red Deer has found the bylaws for some \$43,000 of its debentures, voted in 1906, of doubtful legality, and now has to re-submit them to the ratepayers.

The fifteenth annual fair of the Lacombe Agricultural Society will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 6 and 7. Very large increases have been made in the prizes offered, especially in pure bred horses and cattle, where the prizes are double those of last year.

The Calgary Albertan has been sued for \$30,000 libel for making charges of attempted bribery in connection with the awarding of paving contracts in that city. Editor Davidson pertinently wonders where the paving company expects the \$30,000 to come from in case they win the suit.

A sample basket of strawberries, as fine as we have ever seen, was sent in to F. Vickerson's office yesterday by Geo. Hayward of Bentley district, who has made a success of strawberry culture ever since coming to this district. Several others at Bentley are having good success with strawberries. There is no reason at all why strawberries should not be grown here as in British Columbia or anywhere else.

## Rural Education.

In view of the deplorable condition of education in Alberta, as described by Mr. Baalam of Vegreville, Mr. Shaw of Lloydminster and Mr. John Campbell of Lloydminster, it revives ones hope for the future to know that there are men in the Dominion who realize the right of farmers' children to equal educational opportunities with children living in villages.

Mr. James N. Robertson gave evidence on the subject of manual training and improvement of rural schools before the select standing committee on agriculture and colonization in 1903. He said: "There is no spectacular politics in helping the common rural schools. There is no theatricals in getting down to fundamental principles and means to help the boys and girls in the country who are little heard of, but who need the action of the governments and of the legislatures to enjoy a fair chance. There is constructive statesmanship in such a policy. It is not the work of building with wood, hay and stubble; it is human lives; it is work that is worth doing well. The government is the intelligence of the people organized for their protection against outside enemies, and against inside foes like ignorance, disease, and crime. That is what responsible governments are supposed to exist for; and a pressing duty is to take hold of this problem of education for the benefit of the rural communities and organize it. It deals with two things that concern the progress and safety of the people. First, with the personality, with the personal power, of the individual citizen, and second, with his chance in life. Personal power is added to only by education. That is the only means of improving what the Almighty gave any one in natural endowment. The ordinary child needs that as much as the child of rare mental powers; nay, perhaps needs it more. Then I take it that governments are to some extent concerned with the individuality and also the opportunity of the governed. What is meant by opportunity? The right of individuals to liberty and to hold property; facilities for safe communication, for travel and transportation of goods; security of opportunity for earning a living and obtaining a fair share of happiness and possessions. These are in rough compass the opportunities as controlled by governments. The post office, the railways, the common roads, the bridges are fundamental to equity in opportunity and need not be discussed here. I want your attention on the subject of the personal power, the ability of the child. It is always with us and always needing improvement, by education. It needs it on the farm as much as or more than in cities, where men most do congregate."

A nation that has produced one broad minded educator like this will not long submit to a state of things that debar any child from a primary education. And Canada has produced many such educators

and the public conscience of Alberta has been aroused to the pitiful lack of provision for children living outside of the organized school districts and the A. F. A. will have the solid support of all thinking people in their behalf. We may expect either a change in our school system which will cover the case or a change of Minister of Education.

## Tried in the Balance.

The Provincial government has been weighed in the balance. Weighed and found wanting. It set out to give the people a government owned telephone system and displayed its lack of business ability by paying in the neighborhood of \$600 per mile for building it. It bought out the Bell telephone for something like \$1600 per mile, and now the representative of the Bell telephone makes a caricature of the whole thing by stating before the Ponoka Equalization board that it only cost \$100 per mile to install the Bell system in Alberta. But the farmers pay the freight. The Provincial government smiled upon the people and said: We will give you free text books

for the dear little children. They made a 10 year contract with an unsavory New York publishing company for how much? Oh that's a secret and the farmer's pay the freight.

For three years the farmers have been petitioning the government for assistance in bettering conditions pertaining to live stock. The government has granted their petitions and given them commissions; one, two, afterward perhaps three and then out, and the farmer pays the freight.

It has imposed a rural tax on all land not in organized school districts, but not a penny of it goes to children living in the territory thus taxed. The Minister of Education has turned a deaf ear to the protestations of the A. F. A. on this subject. No matter, the farmers will continue to pay the freight.

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## A RECORD SESSION.

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**Opposition Motions Resolutions Which the Government Votes Down. They Show a Conservative Party Working in the Interest of the People. And a Government Majority on the Other Side.**

Ottawa, July 25th.—The session which closed on Monday was the longest in the history of Canada. It was a record session in several other respects.

It authorized the largest supply bills known in Canadian history.

It voted more subsidies than any previous session.

It saw the longest and most damaging list of exposures ever recorded in one year, of government mal-administration, of public graft and departmental incompetence; some made in the House of Commons, some in committees, and some by commissions.

It saw more effort by government supporters to suppress inquiry and conceal the facts than had ever been known in parliament before.

It saw the greatest number of votes to excuse wrong doing and to reject propositions of reform than had ever been recorded in one session.

It saw more government surrenders and backings-down than any ministry had made in the same length of time before.

It saw more energetic and effective opposition than has been known at Ottawa for many years.

### A Record of Bad Votes.

The following record of motions voted down gives some indication of the nature of the session.

December 5th. Motion of Mr. Cockshutt that the conduct of the public business has not been characterized by reasonable foresight, care and prudence. Rejected by a vote of 95 to 56.

December 10th. Motion of Mr. Armstrong for free rural mail delivery. Rejected, 103 to 54.

December 11th. Motion of Mr. Barker condemning the unbusinesslike arrangements and lack of public control in respect to the Quebec bridge. Rejected, 96 to 50.

January 13th. Motion of Mr. Ames for the production of original applications for four timber limits. Rejected, 86 to 51.

January 21st. Motion of Mr. Borden that the representatives of the people have the right to examine public documents connected with the business of the country; and that the denial justifies the refusal of supplies. Accepted by government and passed unanimously.

January 24th. Motion by Mr. Northrup, that subject to certain considerations, members of Parliament have a right to examine records of government and the ar-

quoted from statement of Laurier himself. Rejected, 95 to 50.

Motion of Mr. Cockshutt against assisted immigration except of agricultural and domestic class; headed off by government amendment.

January 28th. Motion by Mr. Borden, that Canada should not enter into any treaty depriving herself of the control of her own immigration. Rejected, 100 to 45.

February 6th. Motion of Mr. Lake for a committee to inquire into the disposal of timber leases. Rejected, 115 to 55.

February 13th. Motion of Mr. Blain, that the greatest possible freedom of investigation should be enjoyed by the Public Accounts Committee, and any action of the committee excluding evidence should be subject to the immediate appeal to the House. Rejected, 103 to 49.

March 10th. Motion by Dr. Reid that timber limits should be kept secret till the time of opening and then opened in public. Rejected, 95 to 50.

March 13th. Motion by Mr. Perley, condemning public expenditure on works for private advantage and not for public benefit. Rejected, 99 to 43.

March 30th. Motion by Mr. Foster, that supplies purchased by the government be bought by public tender, through a purchasing commission; amendment by Mr. Fielding that purchases be by tender as far as practicable and under direction of ministers. Amendment carried and motion lost by votes of 93 to 43, and 99 to 44.

Amendment of Mr. Blain that the present system of purchasing from middlemen at excessive prices be discontinued. Rejected, 90 to 46.

April 24th. Motion of Mr. Monk, that the time has come to cease paying a bonus of so much per head for immigrants. Rejected, 93 to 42.

April 30th. Motion of Mr. Borden, that the departmental inquiry by Judge Cassels is too narrow; and that in view of the Royal Commission report of extravagance, waste, inefficiency, and mal-administration, public interest demands the appointment of a commission with full powers to investigate all departments. Rejected, 99 to 48.

May 19th. Motion by Mr. Lake regretting the imprudent alienation of public domain, and asking for investigation with the view of restoring to the people the lands and timber obtained by fraud and imposition. Rejected, 91 to 46.

May 22nd. Motion of Dr. Worthington, that the Ross rifle transactions were extravagant and imprudent. Rejected, 55 to 18.

May 26th. Motion by Mr. Foster, that Civil Service appointments should be made on merit, after an examination by non-partisan commission. Rejected, 72 to 30.

May 29th. Motion by Mr. Lennox in connection with Sir Fred. Borden and the St. John cold storage deal, that ministers should not be connected with companies receiving contracts and subsidies from the government. Accepted by Sir Wilfrid.

July 8th. Motion by Mr. Lennox that the committee appointed to inquire into charges of over-

the investigation. Rejected, 98 to 53.

July 8th. By Mr. Lake. Amendment to the Lands Act, that action be taken with the view of setting aside a quantity of Western land to support higher education. Rejected, 65 to 39.

July 19th. By Mr. Foster, setting forth and condemning the reckless and imprudent financial policy of the government. Rejected.

In addition there were over a dozen motions amending the elections act, by inserting more stringent provisions against fraud and corruption, against interference by government officials, and giving greater publicity to election expenditure. These, with the amendment against Federal interference with Ontario lists, were all rejected by the government majority.

### A Few Easy Figures.

Mr. Foster, in financial review of July 17th, set forth several important facts which ought to be kept in mind. For example:

1895-6 1897-8  
Taxation per head \$5.46 \$11.70  
Expenditure per head 8.14 18.00

Average daily expenditure \$14,000 \$303,000  
Taxation in last 12 years above what it would have been at the rate of 1896 \$252,000,000

Expenditure authorized for 1907-8, including subsidies and guarantees 136,106,429

Expenditure authorized for 1908-9 174,586,681

Increase this year over last year 38,480,252

Thrown away by one Department in purchasing small supplies from favored dealers instead of buying in the open market, shown by testimony of officials 200,000

Promised cost of the mint 350,000  
Actual cost of mint 650,000

Estimate of the government in 1903 of expenditure on Transcontinental by government 73,691,706

Government estimate of the same made in 1908 180,845,683

Government estimate of 1903 of final charge on the people 13,000,000

Government estimate made in 1908 38,000,000

Loans to be made in three years to meet debts falling due 74,000,000

Decreased revenue Jan. 1908 (compared with 1907) 200,000

Decreased revenue February 1908 300,000

Decreased revenue March 1908 1,000,000

Decreased revenue April 1908 1,000,000

Decreased revenue May 1908 1,700,000

Decreased revenue June 1908 1,500,000

Decreased revenue first half of July 1908 1,000,000

### An I. C. R. Statement.

Mr. Foster might have added the following:

Intercolonial earnings, April and May 1907 \$ 1,617,048

Intercolonial earnings April and May 1908 1,439,313  
Decrease 186,735

Intercolonial expenses same months 1907 1,385,370

Intercolonial expenses same months 1908 1,521,927

Increase 136,557

Surplus, 2 months 1907 231,678

Deficit same two months 1908 91,614

Change for the worse at the rate of \$1,800,000 a year.

These are statements made by the Minister of Railways July 18.

**Mr. Fielding's Weak Plea.**

When Mr. Borden and Mr. Foster point out to the Finance Minister the obligations heaped upon the country, Mr. Fielding makes answer that in twelve years of Liberal government the debt has increased less than \$20,000,000, or a little over \$1,600,000 a year, while the late government added more than \$6,000,000 a year.

But in the first place, Mr. Fielding has taken out of the country in extra taxes in twelve years more than double the total increase of debt in the previous eighteen years.

In the second place, Mr. Fielding should give his attention to what is going on now rather than what has happened in the early years of his ministry.

**The Present Situation.**

He added to the debt last year not \$1,600,000 but \$13,000,000.

He is adding this year not \$1,600,000, which he claims as his average, nor \$6,000,000 of which he accuses the Conservatives, nor \$13,000,000, which he added last year, but at least \$35,000,000.

Leaving out guarantees, subsidies and loans, the outlay will be at least \$15,000,000 to \$20,000,000 more than last year. Four months ago Mr. Fielding estimated a reduction of \$7,000,000 in the revenue. With the record of falling revenues of the last quarter before him he would now estimate the decrease at \$12,000,000 or more.

Under these circumstances and conditions it is not reassuring to the country for Mr. Fielding to plead that he is now only beginning to pile up debt.

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# TERRIBLE CALAMITY

**One of the Worst Fires in Canada's History Wipes Out Fernie and Crow's Nest Pass Towns—Many Lives Lost—Millions of Dollars in Property Destroyed—Fire Zone Extends for Over Seventy Miles.**

Cranbrook, Aug. 1.—At 4 p.m. today the bush fire at Fernie got beyond control and spread to the city and in an incredibly short time the whole city was a mass of flames, destroying the entire town with the exception of 17 dwellings and rendering over 5,000 people homeless.

The loss is estimated at \$2,500,000, the C. P. R. alone losing approximately \$500,000. The fire is still raging in all directions from Fernie, and a force of 200 men is fighting desperately to save the town of Hosmer, but at this time it looks as though their efforts will be unavailing.

It is thought the greatest mortality has occurred in the "old town," inhabited by miners, but at this time it is impossible to make an estimate of the injured, but the number will run well over 100.

Frank, Alta., Aug. 2.—The most disastrous forest fire in the history of British Columbia has been raging in the vicinity of Cranbrook, Fernie and Hosmer for the past three days. The fire belt extends from west of Cranbrook within three or four miles of Frank.

A high wind which has been blowing continuously through the Crow's Nest Pass swept the flames into Fernie last night, and the entire town, with a population of about 6,000 souls, has been swept from the face of the earth.

Nelson, B. C., Aug. 2.—The dreadful disaster in the Crow's Nest Pass has proved to be even worse than at first reported. Not merely has the fire fiend obliterated Fernie, but Coal Creek, and it is feared other Pass towns have gone out of existence, swept clean by the devouring element.

Fernie, B. C., Aug. 3.—No person who has not seen it can imagine the awful devastation which in the short space of two hours, transformed what was a busy hive of industry, into a desolate waste of smoking ruins and left six thousand people homeless.

The scene during the progress of the fire is described as appalling—men, women and children fleeing, shrieking for their lives, leaving everything they possessed on earth to the mercy of the devouring element.

In the confusion mothers were separated from their children, husbands from their wives, and scenes pathetic in the extreme are described.

Little half clad children, scarcely able to walk, mothers with almost naked babies in the arms, were huddled promiscuously into box cars and hurried to places of safety—some west, some east.

Brick, stone and concrete banks, hotels and business blocks, which were considered fireproof, went down like straw before the intense heat of the wooden buildings dried to tinder by the intense heat of the past few weeks. In the residential part of the city most houses were of wood, and the fire fanned by the high wind, swept every-

thing before it, giving the inmates scarcely time to escape with their lives.

The excellent fire brigade was powerless to offer any resistance. No less than three skeletons of hose reels, which had to be abandoned by the firemen, stand on the streets as mementos of man's efforts.

Cranbrook, B. C., Aug. 3.—While the loss of life is very great, it is much less than was at first reported, and the lowest estimate places the number of victims at about sixty. Already there have been twenty-one bodies found in Fernie alone, the major portion of them being as yet unidentified, and it is reported that an additional ten bodies have since been discovered. While thousands of people are rendered absolutely destitute by the destruction of their homes, the refugees have been so well taken care of that cases of suffering are very few.

A marvellous response was made by the surrounding towns to the appeals for help and large quantities of supplies and clothing were rushed to the stricken city just so soon as traffic would permit. The work of relief is being conducted along the most systematic lines possible and, under the direction of Mayor Tuttle, two committees have formed in Fernie which are doing all in their power to alleviate suffering and distress. The people are being sheltered in tents and in such buildings as were saved from the flames. Searchers have been sent out to all parts of the town and neighborhood to examine the ruins of all buildings at once to secure an accurate list of the bodies of all those persons who are missing.

Fernie, B. C., Aug. 4.—Passengers on all trains coming into Fernie are warned not to get off, but every train brings strangers to see the ruins.

Mechanics are not wanted, as there is nothing to do for weeks, until the insurance is adjusted and the people find out where they stand in the matter of rebuilding.

The funeral of the victims was held today. There was a mournful procession to the cemetery. Several unknown and unrecognizable and badly charred bodies were placed in one grave.

The remains of another victim was found in the outskirts of the town today. Every vestige of flesh and clothing were burned from the body. The bones fell apart and were gathered in a bucket and taken to the cemetery. It was a gruesome sight, but the people of Fernie are growing accustomed to horrible stories and sights.

**Departmental Examinations.**  
The Provincial Department of Education has announced the results in the departmental examinations. The following Lacombe district pupils are among those who successfully passed their examination:

Standard VII Jean H. Boddom, Lola A. Murphy.  
Standard VI Standing on VII Examinations: Nettie E. A. Rose.  
Standard VI Grace S. Bowen, Pearl Frazzelli, Josie M. Glass, Edna Moore, Lillian M. Scherrer, Leslie H. Standish, Jennie E. Sundburg, Dora M. Talbot.  
Standard V John Beatty, Elsie Browne, Rita Cameron, Ethel Calver, Carrie Glass, Juanita Welch, Trilla Woodie, Carrie Root, Stanley Puffer.

## EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Ames meeting which will probably be held at Olds Aug. 23 and Red Deer Aug. 24, gets another free ad in the Globe this week. The advertisement unravels like an old stocking, filling a column of space and suggesting that at some time during his career the writer had had experience in barking for a circus. The speculators will not be disappointed in what they will see. All the imagination of the Globe is quite insufficient to do justice to the clean cut truths that will be put before the public with the irrefutable proof of the photograph for illustration.

In the meantime this ministerial organ is quite empty of information on the questions of the hour. It raps the community for not being able to run a creamery but suggests no remedy. Gives no statistics of what the government is paying for butter, nor what Lacombe butter sells for on the markets of British Columbia. If the people knew what profit was being made on the butter after it leaves Lacombe, they would be in a position to forecast whether or not the closing of the creamery would so demoralize the Lacombe market for dairy butter, that they would lose seriously in the long run. It raps Mr. James Bower for being an Independent Liberal and asking questions not suggested by the Department. It seems to think that expert evidence on the cost of pork packing plants could be extracted from every farmer, or that questions along that line would have been in order. The sage remark is hazarded that "It appears to us that the aim of the government in appointing the commission is being lost sight of by the commissioners." The aim of the government in appointing the commission seems to have been to delay refusing farmers a reasonable request until after election. Judging by the attendance, the farmers have not deemed it worthy of serious attention. If Mr. Bowers does now and then bring out evidence from his own point of view as a farmer instead of the Liberal line which has been scheduled, it will not lessen public esteem for the commission nor for Mr. Bower.

One of the functions of a reliable newspaper is to educate and mould public opinion and to publish reliable data on the questions of the day. The farmers would thank the bellicose editor of the Globe for a concise statement showing how many pounds of ham, of bacon, of lard, of head cheese, of pickled pigs feet and of liver wurst can be made of a 200 pound hog; or in other words the profit to be derived by buying hogs at 4½ cents and selling bacon and hams at 20 and 22 cents.

The Liberal Candidate.—Has the ministerial organ no good report of his work present or past? No, only a straw man made out of a much garbled misquotation of the News. "The latter (Dr. Clark) seems to be most anxious to get in on this cattle question somewhere, and though he has lived in Alberta six years without taking any interest in the organized work of the farmers and ranchers, and though he has been making campaign speeches for eight months in the present campaign, it was

not until two weeks ago that it occurred to either his friends or himself that he could claim to have been a 'Hercules in Jayville' without much fear of contradiction. But in all great work there is a continuity of events and what the Advocate now owes the public is a clear statement of the connecting links between being a paid campaigner for an English candidate and being a farmer candidate in Alberta. In all the speeches reported as emanating from Dr. Clark since his nomination in Red Deer up to the present time we fail to find a single sentence favoring the removal of the embargo. Let the Liberal press sustain their position with facts capable of demonstration or call it off."

This is the curdled whey that the reliable (?) editor of the Globe gets out of it: "The poor fellow who edits the Red Deer News is sorely distressed for material with which to boost his master G. F. Root. In his last issue he attempts to stir up a race feeling, and refers to Dr. Clark as an ENGLISH candidate. What would the poor soul say if we referred to Mr. Root as the 'American candidate'?" Our benighted friend should grasp the fact that both candidates are 'Canadian' candidates."

About the race question we had supposed they were both Anglo-Saxons and of the same race. We know that Mr. Root is, but the editor puts us in doubt about his opponent. However, the editor of the Globe got out the epithet he was scheming to explode, viz: "American Candidate." The government attaches have been very busy with the term during vacation. Relatives of our statesmen have plied the same trade and a concerted action has been in progress to arouse Canadian jealousy and prejudice against the man who has chosen to become a citizen of this Dominion and transfer his allegiance from the United States to Great Britain. But greatly to the amusement of the onlookers, the appeal to narrow provincialism fell flat. It had the unexpected effect of solidifying immigrants of all nationalities in favor of Mr. Root as the handwriting on the wall was plain "With what measure ye meet out to the American shall it be meted out to you." And it served the further purpose of marking a distinct cleavage between the broad minded spirit of Conservatism and the narrow petty prejudices of Liberalism.

We are treated to another of the Globe editor's lightning change acts re Mr. Root and the Stock Growers. He puts on the scant robe of a prophet and says, "I told you Mr. Root was aiming to turn the association into a political machine," but fails to add that Mr. Root had declined to accept the presidency prior to this astute prophecy. Another eloquent omission in this connection is the fact that Mr. Root resigned the office of Honorary President at the Instinct meeting 5 days after his nomination as Conservative candidate. Both of these offices would have proved most useful to a man wishing to use the association for personal gain. But facts are trivial to the class of editors who are always posing for effect at any sacrifice of truth. In this connection what interpretation has the

Globe of the conduct of Burns buyer, our very active Liberal member who accepted the office of vice president in the Stock Growers' Association and still holds it? Is this a deep laid plot so to use the association for Liberal party purposes? The Advertiser would not stoop to such an insinuation. The members of this organization are men of ideas, men of character, and probity. They would not lend themselves for any party purposes and the Globe is thus far the only paper to cast so dirty an insinuation.

The following quotation is taken from the official organ of the Central Alberta Stock Growers' Association, Dec. 17, 1907: "Mr. Root announced that he had accepted the Conservative nomination for the Red Deer constituency and as the association was not for political purposes and his connection therewith might mean that people might misconstrue his and the association's aims, asked to be relieved from the position of Honorary President."

The Saturday News: It is a good thing for the credit of the country that the campaign in Saskatchewan will not last long. It is apparent that it is to be one of the dirtiest on record. The issues are few and the candidates have nothing to do but indulge in the grossest personalities. When the political pot begins to boil in Alberta, we hope that this province will prove a contrast. The attitude of the party organs, however, during even so decidedly quiet a time as the present, does not give much encouragement that this will prove the case. As an example of the criticism to which these journals subject their opponents take the following from a recent issue of the Calgary Albertan, a newspaper which is capable of better things:

"Despite the advice that was offered by the Albertan a few days ago, the Conservatives are going to adhere to their original program, and instead of bringing the entire opposition circus which has attracted so much attention in the six months stand at Ottawa, they have decided to travel through Western Ontario with a one ring affair, which will be occupied by a certain acrobat named Ames, but the water boy and general barker will be M. S. McCarthy, who can do the turn with entire satisfaction."

"There may be some objection to this program, but if it is unsatisfactory, the Albertan is not to blame. It gave warning in good time. It pointed out to the circus managers that what was wanted was the entire menagerie. We wanted the giraffe, Foster, the stretcher, remember, too, that from giraffe the word giraffe was derived. We wanted the keeper of the animals, R. L. Borden, Col. Sam Hughes, who does the back hand-spring; Mr. Bergeron, the clown, and the entire shooting match. These for the high parts, and Billie Bennett and Fowler to handle the rough work."

"But it seems, according to the Tory evening paper that the program is not altered, and that the old program has been adhered to. It is to be a small one ring affair. Mr. Ames, the peep-show man, doing the heavy stunts, and M. S. McCarthy, the sprinter, who tried not to run in Calgary, as the maid of all work."

Criticism of this character is certain to help Messrs. Ames and McCarthy more in their campaign than columns of laudatory editorial matter in Conservative newspapers.

If this is the criticism of the independent press regarding this article what adjective or epithet would it apply to the vaporizing of the Globe on the same subject? But we believe in fair play. Judgment against the editor must not be too severe as he is probably serving the ends in view of gentlemen who own and control the publication.

The Peep Show which is being so generously advertised by the Liberal Press of Alberta has never owned any monkeys; but this omission has been supplied by the Liberal Press and a few trained monkeys will dance to the echo-o-o of the long eared music box until Mr. Ames and his stereotyped arrive. N. B. This is a free show.

## Local and General.

Miss Dorothy Smith of Calgary is visiting relatives here.

Lacombe school will open August 17, in the new school building.

Miss E. Traver left Monday for a visit to her old home in the east.

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What brand are you drinking now Halpin that you have it "Skinner" "she" edits The Advertiser?

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